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TODAY:

Partly cloudy with a high of 71 and a low of 45.

FRIDAY:

Sunny with a high of 68 and a low of 45.

SATURDAY:

Sunny with a high of 67 and a low of 46.

SUNDAY:

Summer with a high of 69 and a low of 49.

verbatim

"Some people have seen it symbolically as men having sex with each other."

Chris Kilmartin

Name Change Issue Delayed College Continues To Move To University Status

By MELISSA BORGERING

Staff Writer

Plans are moving ahead to turn Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center into a university by 2004, but the naming process has temporarily stalled.

President William Anderson announced this summer that he would delay finalizing a name for the university, according to Mary R. Corbin, executive assistant to the president. Anderson was not available for interview. Speaking on Anderson's behalf, Corbin said originally the president hoped to re-form the Mehfood Committee this fall to consider and propose a name.

Made up of alumni, faculty, students, staff, and members of the Board of

Visitors, the Mehfood Committee is charged with finding a name that will encompass both Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center. The committee will reconvene next year, and Corbin said she cannot cite one individual reason for the delay.

"The president never expressed one single reason that I could give you," Corbin said. "This is a work in progress, and I think we are all working our way through this and addressing things as they change."

A name change has been in the works for over a decade. In 1986, President Anderson first proposed changing the name of Mary Washington College. However, college alumni went to the Virginia General Assembly and halted the process.

The name change issue resurfaced in fall of 1998. Again, it was met with overwhelming negative response from students and faculty, as was the proposed name, Washington-Monroe University. Many students said they saw the name Washington-Monroe as a way to attract more male students.

Junior Jennifer Ammann is again changing the name.

"I don't like it because

I think it's losing the

MWC legacy," she said. "Because everyone will hear it and think of George Washington, not Mary."

Currently, Mary Washington College is the only public institution in the country named solely after a woman.

According to Corbin, Washington-Monroe is still in the running because coming up with that name was not an easy task and the administration did not take it lightly.

"We worked with a consultant who did extensive surveys with faculty, staff, students, alumni—every constituency. Washington-Monroe is definitely a leader," Corbin said.

Corbin says negative student feedback has nothing to do with the president's decision to delay the naming process.

"I wish that people would stop calling it a name change, because it's not," Corbin said. "We are operating under the premise first and foremost that Mary Washington stays Mary Washington. Period."

Corbin anticipates no changes to the Mary Washington College campus or legacy when it moves to university status. Despite the new name and new status, she believes the college will continue to be a small, liberal arts institution.

The term university will project a more accurate image of the college, according to Roy Weinstock, vice president for Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research and chair of the

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Worth Stokes/Bullet

The name of the college...for now.

Fire Alarm Improvements Lack Funding

By MATTHEW LOWE

Staff Writer

Four smoke detectors near the elevators on each floor of George Washington Hall currently serve as the only form of fire detection in the building. The college is planning to install a fire alarm system for it once money is allocated for it.

According to Ruth Lovelace, the director of Environmental Health and Safety, explains that George Washington Hall has a "pre-alarm system," which entails a smoke detector near the elevator on each floor. This alarm, when set off, halts the use of the elevator and alerts the campus police of the possible fire. However, the fire must be near the elevator in order to set off the alarm.

In addition to George Washington Hall, Lee Hall and Seasebeck do not have fire alarm systems.

College safety officials

said they want to upgrade the systems in order to make the college safer.

"I care about people," Lovelace said. "I want them to go home like they came here."

The cost of

putting in up

to date fire

alarm systems

in must be

budgeted and

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before the project can be

completed.

Lovelace

estimates it will cost \$50,000

to install fire alarms and

smoke detectors throughout

the building. To put in a

system to extinguish fires

would cost the college much

more.

"It would be very difficult

and costly to put a sprinkler

system in," Lovelace said. "I

who say \$2 to \$3 million."

The college is presently

working on establishing

funding to install a fire alarm

system in George Washington Hall.

John Wittenmuth, assistant

vice president for Facilities

Services, said he is attempting

to find the funding for George Washington Hall.

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Ruth Lovelace addresses a class.

Corey Byrnes/Bullet

Student Peace Movement Creates Conflict

By JOHN SPACEK

Staff Writer

Over 50 students, faculty and members of the Mary Washington College community gathered in Ball Circle Wednesday to encourage world peace in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

Called "Salaam," the Muslim word meaning "May peace be upon you," the sit-in was sponsored by the Human Rights Club, the Muslim Student Association, and the International Living Center in Framar.

Organizers say they oppose any planned U.S. military strike in Afghanistan in order to find terrorism mastermind Osama Bin Laden, a suspect in the attacks in New York and

Washington. "We hope the government can find peaceful alternatives," junior Amin Shafi said.

These ideals have created controversy, especially among college students and people in the community who favor military action.

On Sept. 18, the Human Rights Club released a statement to the Free Lance-Star's website opposing military action against Afghanistan.

"Under international law, there is no recognized right to retaliation or vengeance," the statement read. "The U.S. should consider all possible alternatives to military action before engaging in a retaliatory attack on any country or individuals it believes to be responsible."

The most controversial part called for the United States to examine what it may have done to lead people to attack the country.

It concluded with an invitation to "Salaam" and the Silent Peace Walk that the organizations held last Friday.

The statement stirred quite a debate on the website's online forum.

Scott Roberts of Spotsylvania wrote, "I wonder why it is that so many of the 'peace parade' bring up America's sins now. America's hypocrisy is not the issue, her security is."

Larry Widener, also of Spotsylvania, added, "I wonder, however, if your opinions would

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they encourage students, especially juniors and seniors to get information about online registration from their campus email.

Juniors and seniors will be able to register for spring 2002 classes over the web this semester, as part of a test group for web registration. If the effort is successful, the college hopes to open up online registration to all of campus, according to Registrar's Office.

In spring 2001, a smaller pilot group of 54 students initially tested the system. Senior Lauren Fly was able to register for all of her classes online.

"It was the easiest thing ever," she said. "It took maybe 15 minutes. I laughed at all my friends that had to stand in line."

Enabling all juniors and seniors to register online will test the system's ability to handle large numbers of users hitting the system at the same time, according to Dana Abbott, director of Information Systems for Computer and Network Services.

"Last time, we looked for solid functionality and comfort with the system," Abbott said. "This time, we expect some tweaking."

Seniors will register on Oct. 29

and 30, while juniors will be able

to register online between Nov. 1

and 2. This change will push junior

and senior advising back to the

week of Oct. 17, from the original

date of Oct. 22-26. Advising and

registration dates for sophomores

and freshmen will remain the same,

according to Registrar Susan Steven.

The Office of the Registrar will

send an email to all students'

Webmail accounts prior to advising

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Police Beat

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH
News Editor

Sept. 20—Incidents of harassment by telephone occurred in Virginia Hall at 1:15 a.m. Residents received two phone calls with a male voice making comments about tampons and someone saying, "What's up, baby?" Police traced the calls to two students in Willard Hall. The students were referred to the administration.

Sept. 20—Paul Bledsoe, 22, of Buffalo Gap, S.D., and Michelle Roe, 19, of Iowa City were allegedly found trespassing in Randolph Hall and selling magazine subscriptions. The individuals were barred from campus.

Sept. 21—Merita Morton, 19, of Woodbridge was allegedly trespassing and soliciting social security numbers for credit cards. She was barred from campus.

Sept. 22—An incident of harassment occurred in Virginia Hall. Police attempted to trace the call, but it came from an off-campus telephone. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 22—An administrative alcohol confiscation occurred in Mason Hall. At 3:40 p.m., a Resident Assistant confiscated five 12 oz. cans of Busch beer. The case was referred to the administration.

Sept. 25—Tiffany Purrow, 21, of Forrest, Va. was allegedly found trespassing and attempting to solicit membership in a local spa. She was barred from campus.

Students Oppose Changing Name

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Self-Study Compliance Committee.

"When you are a single campus and a four-year liberal arts college, the term college is appropriate," Weinstock said. "But when you have a physically distinct campus with a very different approach, not approach, but a distinct mission, you need to think about the best way to present this to the public so that they know there's more than one component to the institution."

Mary Washington College began conducting a self-study to investigate the possibility of becoming a university in spring 2000. According to Weinstock, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or SACS, requires all institutions under its jurisdiction to undergo a self-study every ten years.

In order to become a university, SACS requires a college to meet a set of criteria or must-statements. These statements address certain aspects with which the college must comply, including business and administrative operations and support services.

In spring 2003, the Commission on Colleges of SACS will tour Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center. By then, Weinstock believes both institutions will have no problem meeting 400 must-statements.

Larry Penwell, director of the Institutional Self-Study and associate professor of Business Administration and Psychology, says the self-study takes the concerns of students seriously and investigates support services and programs that may benefit them.

"We're looking at perhaps new programs that may be of value to students," Penwell said. "We're looking at how the administration might change to better meet the needs of the students. Things like online enrollment. Should we be doing that? Should we be doing credit card payments?"

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Number Of Minority Faculty Increases

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had out of four college interviews. Lee said she was impressed with the large number of new minority faculty members that were hired this year.

"It shows the institution's efforts to diversify the faculty body, and I think that's very important," said Lee, who teaches two Introduction to Philosophy courses as well as an Introduction to Feminism course. "Minority faculty can bring up areas of concern that don't occur to anybody else."

Craig Vasey, chairperson of the Classics, Philosophy, and Religion department, said that he is pleased to see Lee join the department.

"I really didn't want to wind up with three white males teaching all philosophy," he said. "We're looking forward to seeing the way that she'll bring a non-Western perspective into her philosophy classes."

Dale Wright, an African-American new hire in the department of Education, said that minority faculty show minority students that they can survive and succeed in primarily white institutions.

"If you really want to make a concerted effort to bring students of color to a predominantly white campus, then you must have a visible presence of faculty and staff of color so that those students feel like they have someone in the faculty and staff hierarchy who understand their issues," Wright said.

According to Vice President Hall, the percentage of minority students at Mary Washington College has fluctuated between eight and eleven per cent over the past ten years.

The other new minority hires are Farhang Rouhani, who is from Iran and teaches in the Geography department; Jose Angel Sainz, who is from Spain and teaches in the Modern Foreign Languages department; Weijng Lu, who is from China and teaches in the History department; and Alejandro Cervantes-Carson, who is from Mexico and teaches in the Sociology and Anthropology department.

Junior Amanda Rollins said she thinks that the increase of minority hires is long overdue. She added that white faculty members have taught all of her classes over the past two years.

the name Mary Washington College.

"We like being Mary Washington," Corey said. "I haven't talked to one student who likes Washington-Monroe."

Joel Nelson, Class Council President and *Bullet* photographer, also did not like the name.

"Will Mary Washington College even exist anymore if this change is made," Nelson said. "As a senior who will graduate in May, I find myself very concerned that the institution name that will appear at the top of my diploma may not be there in a couple of years."

Senior Kristin Bartle is a student representative for the University Mission and Image Committee, which will assess changes that should be made to the mission statements of both Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center upon becoming a university.

"There's a lot of misunderstanding and misinformation," Bartle said. "No one wants to do away with Mary Wash."

Bartle says her committee has no part in the naming process. However, Bartle does not believe a new name will change the college.

"I don't really consider it a name change. We're still going to be MWC, but with the university of something," she said.

Mary Washington College has gone through several name changes since opening in 1908 as the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Fredericksburg. The name Mary Washington College was introduced in 1944 when the college was still part of the University of Virginia.

According to Corbin, the name Mary Washington College will still appear on items in the bookstore, around campus, and on diplomas. Corbin's own diploma reads "Mary Washington College" in large, bold print. Underneath, "of the University of Virginia" appears in smaller type.

"For me, it's going back to the way it was before," says Corbin. "And that's how I would envision it: Mary Washington College of whatever. Of Washington-Monroe University or of whatever."

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Some students, including junior Michelle Corey, wonder why the administrators do not want to keep

"I don't think I've had a class with a minority professor yet and I think [the hires] are a step in the right direction," Rollins said.

Mara Scanlon, an assistant professor of English who is white, said she is also pleased with the large percentage of new faculty minorities.

"It will only enrich the learning of the students here if we increase the diversity of the faculty," Scanlon said.

Vice President Hall said that the administration did not do anything out of the ordinary this year to attract more minority faculty members.

"In the past, we have made special offers [to minority candidates], usually with people who have taught elsewhere," Hall said. "I don't think that in any of these six hires we have done anything different from what we did with the ones who aren't minorities."

Sabrina Johnson, assistant vice president for Human Resources, said that the college does not currently have any specific minority hiring targets or numerical goals. However, the Office of Human Resources conducts an affirmative action search plans that encourage minorities to apply at the college.

"We came up with a handbook, 'Strategies for Successful Diversity Recruitment,' that would give [department] chairs some idea of how to make their searches more conducive to casting a wider net, so that we could encourage minority applicants to apply," Johnson said.

The Office of Human Resources commits itself to conducting a national search for minority candidates. The office also collects information from the department chairs on their progress and success in inviting minorities to apply.

Vice President Hall said that the Office of Human Resources also places job advertisements in local, regional, and national publications.

Hall added that he is pleased with the results of this year's search for minority candidates and will continue to recruit more minority applicants.

"In this one year, we increased substantially the overall diversity of our faculty," Hall said. "We would like to increase it even more and we will continue to work hard on that."

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Compiled by Caroline S. Wallinger

Rev. Jackson to Visit Taliban

The Rev. Jesse Jackson announced Wednesday that he is contemplating a visit with representatives of the Taliban, Afghanistan's ruling group, about surrendering alleged terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, Reuters reported. Jackson said that he would attempt to convince the Taliban to release U.S. foreign aid workers and to give bin Laden up to face international charges. "The Taliban now has a choice," Jackson said. "World court, or world war." Jackson served as a mediator under Bill Clinton, and gained the release of hostages in Kuwait in 1990 and of U.S. soldiers in the former Yugoslavia in 1999.

Goodbye Butterfly Ballots

According to Reuters News Service, West Palm Beach County has decided to discontinue use of the notorious butterfly ballot system for elections after the 2000 election fiasco. Beginning on Nov. 7, the county will auction the 5000 old voting machines on eBay and use proceeds from the auctions to pay for new electronic voting machines. The new machines will cost \$14.4 million to install and will involve a touch screen monitor for voters to make their choices. "After enduring the most intense media scrutiny in U.S. election history, it's crucial that we work with the best technology and the most experienced vendor to restore public confidence in Palm Beach County elections," said county Election Supervisor Theresa LePore.

Not-So-Dumb Blonde Wins Damages in Lawsuit

A Brazilian woman won \$1,300 in damages on Tuesday after suing her boss for excessive "dumb-blonde" jokes that he told in front of her colleagues, Reuters News Service Reports. The court ruled that the jokes "violated the dignity of the employee." 32-year-old Andreia Eloisa da Silva also won recognition that she was fired without proper reason, which could win her more damages in future. "It is an unprecedented decision on moral damages for blondes," Alexandre Santoro, a court spokesman said.

German Minister of Culture Fired for Calling WTC Towers "Phallic Symbols"

Adrienne Goehler, Berlin's Minister for Culture, resigned under pressure Wednesday after calling the World Trade Center towers "phallic symbols" at a public meeting on Sept. 13, Reuters Reports. "In the context of my statement that the 'attacks were aimed symbolically at the heart of America', I also made the comment that the towers are 'phallic symbols,'" Goehler said. She added that she had been asked what symbols the trade center towers reminded her of. Goehler, 45, served as president of Hamburg's university for fine arts, and is a psychologist.

No More Waiting In Lines For Classes

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time, week of the day, or across the curriculum requirement. According to Stevenson, a feature with the capability to search so precisely has never been available to students or staff through the Registrar's Office.

Dr. William Kemp, chairperson of the department of English Linguistics, and Speech, and one of the faculty members of the web registration advisory board said he hopes that the search option will lead students to be more adventurous in deciding which classes to take.

"It will change the way people choose classes," he said.

Stevenson said that the Registrar's Office will be fully accessible during web registration if students should run into any problems. There will be a special email and phone number for students to contact the office. However, there will only be four staff members available, down from the usual eight during standard registration.

"We will still be available if they have any difficulties at all," Stevenson said.

Abbott said the upcoming online registration will allow students to force-add classes over the web, an option that was not tested in the spring pilot. There will be a list of authorized PIN numbers to give to students. Each PIN will get one time.

Kemp believes that web registration will help alleviate students' worries about getting the classes they want.

"The anxiety is real," he said. "It will shape user behavior for the first few semesters."

However, Kemp thinks that the stress will lessen as users become more comfortable with the program.

"Registration will cease to be as traumatic as it has been," he said.

If the upcoming online registration works well, additional services could be offered through the web, Abbott said. Grade reports and degree audits are two of the possibilities.

"Lots of ideas hinge on the success of this pilot," Abbott said.

Senior Anne Bryce was said she was excited for online registration.

"No one will be cutting in line, like how it used to be," she said.

She also said that she saw it as a benefit for professors, as students would no longer skip their classes for registration.

Phil Hall, vice president of Academic Affairs and dean of the Faculty said he was pleased about the improvement.

"I think the entire administration joins me in anticipating that Web registration is going to streamline the process enormously for everybody concerned, but especially for students," he said. "My only regrets are that it has been so long in coming, and that this time, only juniors and seniors will get to participate".

Senior Andrew Kahr participated in the test group last spring and plans on registering online again this semester.

"I think it's a major upgrade for the college," he said. "I think it says to many other institutions around the country that MWC has arrived and is preparing itself for the twenty-first century."

Waiting For Safety In G.W. Hall...

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"Right now, based on funding, it is my intent to use the maintenance reserve fund," Willemuth said.

Willemuth hopes to have a fire alarm system installed in the spring semester of 2002. However, the college needs to finish existing projects before starting this one. The state of Virginia also retracted 50% of maintenance reserve fund for this fiscal year. This left the fund with only \$200,000.

Currently, all of the residence and academic buildings have fire alarm systems, because administrators feel safety in those buildings is a high priority.

"The level of risk is not as high [in an administrative building] as in a residence hall," Willemuth said.

According to Lovelace Mary Washington College is one of the safer colleges in Virginia.

"No other College or University in the state is that complete," Lovelace said.

The present system includes the residence halls, academic buildings on the main campus, as well as the James Monroe Center and the James Monroe Law Office. The campus police department is directly connected with the fire alarm systems in these places.

This year the College started fire drills in the academic buildings. On Aug. 31, there was a fire drill in Jepson during classes.

"They did an outstanding job," Lovelace said.

Due to the drill, administrators discovered the fourth floor alarms were working and additional alarms are being installed.

"I hope to have a fire drill in G.W. this year, but I need a fire alarm system first," Lovelace said.

Sophomore Maria Cedeno is concerned about the lack of a fire alarm.

"Working with Great Hall Management, I am involved with several of the yearly activities and events that are presented in Dodd Auditorium. It is in my opinion that a fire in G.W. would cause mass confusion and chaos, combine with the lack of a fire alarm system in the building, and you have a recipe for disaster."

Sophomore, Elizabeth Edwards agrees with Cedeno. "If all buildings on campus should have a complete sprinkler and fire alarm system due to the importance of it," she said. "Not only do we host plays, musicals, and movies in Dodd it also houses many official offices."

Viewpoints

your opinions

The Name Game

Throughout William Anderson's presidency at Mary Washington College, the issue of changing this institution's name has consistently arisen. Each time this happens, students, alumni and faculty protest. Then administrators delay the idea of a name change but refuse to abandon it.

This year, Anderson has again delayed the issue and hopes to re-form the committee about changing the name sometime in the future. Based on the constant negative reaction of virtually all members of the Mary Washington College community at the idea of changing the college's name, one would think Anderson and other administrators would learn their lesson and just give up on the idea entirely.

With their recent comments, certain administrators have shown that they have indeed learned a lesson, but not the right one. Now, by insisting that the issue is not a name change, it is easy to see how certain college officials are attempting to skirt around the issue. Making the name of Mary Washington College become Mary Washington College of Washington-Monroe University is indeed a major change. Denying this and saying this is not a name change is just official, administrative jargon. By denying that the issue is a name change, college officials are able to pretend they are not sending a message to the nation, the state and the college community.

As the only public institution in the country named after a woman, changing Mary Washington College's name will definitely send a message. Instead of taking pride in our uniqueness, our president and his cronies are attempting to destroy it. Also, by renaming the school, college officials will show to the country that the college feels women cannot stand alone in higher education. Is that something the school really wants to be known for?

The only permanent solution to this issue is to drop the controversy forever and keep the name Mary Washington College, not Mary Washington College of something, but simply Mary Washington College. However, for some reason, Anderson and other college officials just cannot seem to grasp this.

Student Urges Think Before We Act

MARY ELIZABETH FULCO

Guest Columnist

I stepped outside this morning to get the paper, and as I stood in the street, I looked up and saw a crescent moon. The stars were so clear. The air was cool, yet the temperature had not reached the cold crispness of a fall day.

I couldn't help feeling how odd it was for me to be able to stand and look at the beautiful morning sky, while at the same time there was such devastation in New York City, Washington D.C. and western Pennsylvania.

The headlines of the Norwich Bulletin read "TERROR, NOW ANGER" TERRORISTS HIJACK PLANES DESTROY WORLD TRADE CENTER, ATTACK PENTAGON. President Bush stated, "Freedom itself was attacked this morning by a faceless coward and freedom will be defended."

Granted it was a horrible act killing possibly thousands of people, but the media is connecting Osama bin Laden to the terrorist attack. I feel as if they are stirring up such hatred against the Palestinians, and yet we have been given no proof that he was behind the acts. Shouldn't they wait until they know for certain who was responsible before they put a label on someone?

I feel as if everyone wants to have the quick fix, let's get this man, and

the terrorist acts will be behind us. Does no one want to look at the reason why we might have had these attacks put upon us? It just seems too easy to point a finger, put a five million dollar bounty on a man's head and threaten to hold the people related accountable for the acts.

Why does our first impulse have to be, "We will hunt them down and make them pay"? There is a great deal of hatred toward the United States for our support of Israel...Our political positions do infuriate many people of the Muslim faith.

Maybe we need to re-evaluate our stance on many political positions throughout the world. Maybe we need to re-evaluate our attitudes and the image that we project to the rest of the world. Maybe we need to find a reason for the hatred instead of just hating in return. Maybe we need to find a peaceful solution to a difficult situation. Maybe we need to think rationally before we pick up the gun and instead look for the answer to "Why".

How will we ever bring such people to justice? Those who carried out the destruction are just as dead as the innocent victims. The World Trade Center is gone. The Pentagon destroyed, and the comfort that we all had in feeling peaceful and secure is gone. There must be a reason why these atrocities took place. We need to see why and not think that we were totally innocent victims.

The thousands of people who died Sept. 11 truly were victims. They died

FAST FACT:

Dionne Warwick requires two bottles of kristal for every performance she does.

Just When You Thought...

Karen Hottle

Guest Columnist

As a returning student I have already experienced the frustrations of attending a school where things just don't seem to run smoothly for no apparent reason.

The beginning of this realization occurred to me last Thursday as I began a seemingly normal day at Mary Washington College. After my first class I went with a friend to the Eagles Nest to grab a quick breakfast. Little did I know that I would be paying off of my pocket. As the lady working there swiped my card I could see there was a slight problem. She looked at me and mockingly informed me that yes, I had \$300 dollars in my account, but for some reason unknown to me my account had been deactivated. Irritated, I paid cash and continued on my way.

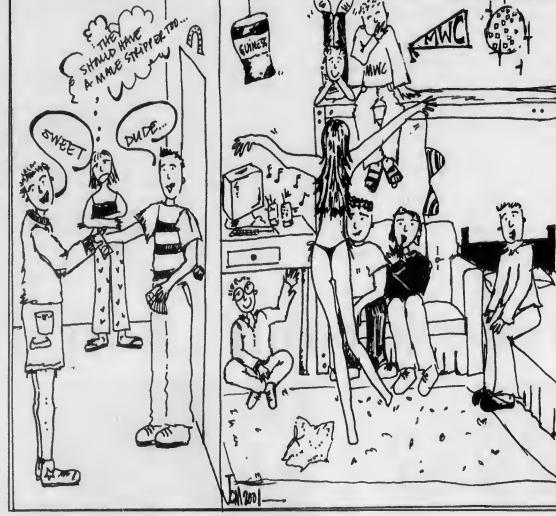
My next stop was the bookstore where I needed to pick up a course pack for my anthropology class, which was later that day. After gazing at the empty shelf, I asked when it would be in and yet again I was given bad news. It seems a machine was broken at the document center and no one knew when the course pack would be in.

Disappointed yet again, I wandered to the library to check the website where I could find the article, since my professor had foreseen difficulties in finding the course pack. As I clicked on the print button another realization dawned on me. Obviously, if my Eagle One account wasn't working I wouldn't be able to pay or print at the library using that method. So I sauntered over to the handy dandy debit card machine, irritated yet again that I would have to pay a dollar just to get the card before I could even put money on it. But there was no need to worry about that additional cost because (imagine!) the machine was broken and wouldn't take my money.

By this point I was actually starting to find the situation amusing. It was like I was living a bad example of Murphy's Law. Then I ran into a girl that I knew who told me I could use her roommate's computer. Relieved, I climbed up to her room in Willard and sat down at her friend's computer. I tried to pull up webmail and was then another new surprise. I forgot you couldn't access webmail while on campus, for some strange reason. So I had to log in her roommate off, log myself on and then try again, not what I was in the mood for after my struggles, and class time was getting closer and closer. As I went to pull up the article I received another surprise to top off my day. Her roommate didn't have Adobe Acrobat reader on her computer. So, to make a long story short, I eventually found success in the Monroe computer lab, once the class that was inside left. Thank God!

The purpose of this story is not to point out why I am a moron for not going to the Monroe lab first but to warn everyone that Mary Washington College is not a place to procrastinate. Even when you think nothing could go wrong, remember that machines constantly break, cards are mysteriously deactivated and if you're lucky, you might find a 25-dollar ticket on your car even when parked at the closest available parking spot, three blocks from campus.

Karen Hottle is a senior.



Letters to the Editor

have been responsible.

A response that does not fully distinguish between the guilty and the innocent will create new martyrs and encourage new rounds in a cycle of violence that will lead us toward even more suffering.

In order to avoid future international violence, the U.S. should carefully examine its foreign policy as well as the actions and events leading up to this tragedy.

We encourage MWU

students and the

Fredericksburg community

to donate blood or otherwise

support relief efforts

through appropriate

agencies.

Under international law,

there is no recognized right

to retaliation or vengeance.

The U.S. should consider all

possible alternatives to

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engaging in a retaliatory

attack on any country or

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Cassandra M Newman

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to 7-11 delivery service on campus

to the fact that they can't deliver alcohol

to the celebrity telethon last Friday

to movies starring pop stars

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Aquarius - Drive to get what you want. Do not allow others to tell you where to go. Make them give you what you want.

Pisces - Never act like you know everything. Stay away from annoying people. Today it is very important that you take on a passive role.

Aries - You must work very hard to get yourself organized. If you desire to be successful then everything must be placed in its proper place.

Taurus - You will be asked to make a presentation. When speaking, show off your dynamic personality.

Gemini - Maintain an optimistic outlook. Whatever seems like a bad situation now can always be turned around.

Cancer - Never be passive when it comes time to making a decision. You must speak your mind so you are not overlooked.

Leo - Allow you and your partner to communicate your feelings tonight. Express your love for each other.

Virgo - Try not to be moody today. You may end up pushing away someone who loves you dearly.

Libra - Work really hard to charm your family. They are concerned about your state of mind.

Scorpio - Be involved with many things. Don't focus on only one idea.

Sagittarius - Work on believing in yourself. You must be a strong person. Don't allow others to walk all over you.

Capricorn - Always be faithful to the ones that you love. They will always be there for you when you need them.

Peace: A First Priority

By ALYSSA BEST

Staff Writer

Last Thursday evening, 52 Mary Washington students silently walked through campus and into downtown Fredericksburg to promote peaceful alternatives to U.S. military action in the Middle East.

The Human Rights Club, Muslim Student Association, and International Living Center (Framar House) organized the peace walk to advocate a nonviolent response to the events of Sept. 11. The participants wore white clothing to show solidarity with those who are suffering all over the world.

"The walk was to provide a focal point for students whose response to the tragedy of the eleventh has not been reflected in the dominant media or in the words and actions of the U.S. government," said senior Clay Templeton, librarian for the Human Rights Club.

The participants carried candles, two banners promoting peace, and wore white ribbons to represent their opposition to a retaliatory attack on Afghanistan. The participants silently walked for one hour along campus walk, William Street, Caroline Street, and George Street, and ended their walk at the fountain at Hurkamp Park on the corner of Prince Edward Street and William Street.

"It was very organic how it all happened," junior Gabriel Walters said. "Everyone instinctively circled around the fountain and it was very impromptu how everybody blew out their candles in sequence."

Walters, a member of the Human Rights Club, said he hoped the walk would send a message of solidarity among the community and also protest recent violent and racist acts towards Arab-Americans.

Four participants in the walk handed out flyers, which contained the Human Rights Club's statement on recent events.

According to the flyer, the club states that "Muslims and Americans of Middle Eastern descent have been the victims of hate and speech threats. It is not enough to shake our heads in disgust at this bigoted reaction from a small minority. We ask that people vocally and physically oppose this type of racism."

Senior Shabila Chohan, a Muslim student from Pakistan and member of the Muslim Student Association, said that the walk was a positive activity in which people of all backgrounds came together. She explained that she was encouraged by members of the community who stepped out of shops and



Veronica Schultz, Ashley Winfree, Amina Shafi, Mary Clark, and Kat Stangler hold banners at the Peace Walk last Thursday.

restaurants to watch the participants walk by and take flyers.

"I highly appreciated the efforts of the community to show their support for us as we walked down William Street," said Patrick Killingsworth, a member of the Human Rights Club. "We saw many thumbs-up out the passenger windows. I did have a little bit of a concern over whether the people who saw us could understand what our message was."

John and Karen Cummings, Spotsylvania residents, joined the group at Hurkamp Park after they saw the students walking along the road. They said they were interested in reading the message on the banners.

"I have no problem with seeking nonviolent means but we have to realize that we were attacked quite violently," said John Cummings, after reading the Human Rights Club's flyer. "If it calls for violent retaliation after a well-thought investigation, so be it."

Senior Scarlet Rose, who watched the participants walk along campus walk, said the

walk suggested optimism for the future.

"When I saw the people walking by, I thought it was a really powerful statement regarding the troubles of the past week and a half," Rose said. "I liked that they were white, as a symbol of peace, rather than black to mourn the tragedy."

Junior Aziz Yousuf, a member of the Muslim Student Association, said that he felt a mixture of emotions as he walked in silence.

"It's ridiculous that we live in a day and age in which we can't just live peacefully with one another and be safe anywhere at any time," Yousuf said. "I'm also saddened by the fact that people automatically assume that the actions of a small, fanatical group."

Senior Gina McGovern, a member of the Human Rights Club, said that as she walked, she thought of an African song called "We Are Walking the Light of Love," which she likes to sing at protests because it has a calming effect.

"I also thought about how many people I've seen on the media who are feeling opposite to us," McGovern said. "And I hope that this event is going to make them think that there is another option."

Human Rights Club member sophomore Priscilla Tomescu said that she also thought of the community's response to the peace walk when The Free Lance Star's article on the event appeared the next day.

"I don't think a violent response is going to the heal the wounds or resolve this conflict," she said. "I want to get people thinking more about an alternative."

"Considering that our country is already mobilizing for a military strike, I don't feel that there is much we as citizens can do to stop that, especially since a formal declaration of war is not needed at the moment," Walters continued. "As far as globally, there are concerns we can raise and there are policies we can protest, but I feel it will be much more effective acting locally and domestically."

Fredericksburg Fun On the Web

By ERIN GRIMM

Staff Writer

If you have ever found yourself sitting around on a Saturday night looking for the party on "Whatever Street" and muttering to yourself, "Is there anything else to do in Fredericksburg?" look no further. The news department of fredericksburg.com has established a new website solely for Mary Washington students. At www.fredericksburg.com/mwc, you can find the answer to that question, and more.

Entitled "MWC Beyond Yer Dorm," the site began in late August, and has since been expanding its appeal to the college student community. Brian Baer, news producer of the site, emphasized his desire for the site to become part of Mary Washington College student life.

"For a long time, we've recognized the campus community as one that has been largely overlooked," Baer said. "We want to reach out to the students and serve as a useful resource in every way possible. We also want this site to be fun."

When blisters on the bottom of feet signal that walking to the bus is not an option, the web page is there to help. The "Getting Around Off Campus" section of the site gives further options of transportation, minus the walking. Need a number to get a cab? Need some information on the FRED? Thinking about buying a bike for that off-campus job? Or maybe catching the Metro or the train to D.C. sounds like weekend fun suited for a college student? The information is just a click away.

Freshman Brian Napier said that the site helps those who just recently arrived in Fredericksburg learn about the town.

"The site is good for getting around town because I'm not too familiar with the Fredericksburg area," Napier said. Maybe the last concert you saw was this summer and you're itching to get out and enjoy a live band. Another feature of the site, "Sounds In The Town," can click and point students in the direction of live music with times, locations, and prices included. Are Fredericksburg's sounds just not cutting it anymore? Fear not, just check out the "Concerts Schedules Out of Town" listings.

"Like the listings for the sounds going on around town," senior Jessica Morris said. "They're really helpful for



Brian Baer of the Free Lance Star is the news producer of "MWC Beyond Yer Dorm," a new feature of the Fredericksburg.com website aimed at MWC students.

people looking to go out and have a good time."

A date on Saturday night may present a problem since as a college student, the cash flow is close to nil. Don't worry about having enough cash, just check out the "Cheap Eats" section of the site, which tells students just what to expect as far as prices, ambiance, and menus at area restaurants. Perhaps that hot date likes to party. The "Clubs" section clues him or her in on the atmosphere at clubs like Orbitz, Houston's, and Spirits.

"I like that the site relates to college students, especially with information about places to go and places to eat," freshman Bryan Fryszel said.

The website also keeps updates on apartment listings, job opportunities, shopping, and recent campus events. The site's news team, which includes Editor, Chris Muldrow and news producers, Alex Russell and Bear, plans to add more content to the site.

According to Baer, plans include adding a Mary Washington College discussion board, a personals section, student columns, reviews, pictures, short stories, and poetry. The news team also

plans to feature a "Beerometer," which Baer describes as a "fun, weekly guide to the cheapest beer in town." Baer said he believes the success of the site will come with its expansion.

"This site will be a success when MWC students regularly log on to read about their friends, find weekend plans, find a job, and read columns by MWC students," Baer said.

The site also includes humorous accounts of college life. Sections entitled "Learning How To Do Laundry" and "You're No Longer The Same Person You Were In High School" explore the aspects of coming to college and living on your own.

Another section depicts the "Top 10 Ways To Tell MWC Students Are Back In Town," number three being "Fredericksburg bars actually have people in them after 10 p.m., and number ten being "Sam Adams and Ben & Jerry's are suddenly very hard to find on area shelves."

The site keeps abreast of campus events and issues as well, such as the Human Rights Club's peace march.

"We have significantly boosted our coverage of MWC students and events this year and plan to continue that coverage," Baer said. "We're getting beyond just showing up in Dodd or Great Hall when there's a featured speaker."

The news team is also documenting the lives of a few times throughout the year on the site.

Although the news of the new website has not reached all of Mary Washington College's student body, the Free Lance Star is planning to advertise the site on campus by giving away bookmarks and doughnuts. According to Baer, the site's direction depends on the students.

"It's just starting out and now is the time to influence what direction you'd like to take it in," Baer said. "We want students to know there's life outside the dorms, Sacobec and off-campus parties. We're not MWC students and don't pretend to know what's going on in your lives. Tell us. Write us. Send us feedback. This is your site."



Professor Triumphs Over Adversity

By MINDY COMPER
Staff Writer

In the spring of 2000, everything in Kerry Block's life seemed to be falling into place. After being offered the position of assistant professor in the Education Department at Mary Washington College, he was finishing up the semester at Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado. He found a wonderful house in the country outside of Frederickburg, and was looking forward to making the transition from the Rocky Mountains to the East Coast, despite the fact that it would miss Colorado very much.

"Relocating to Mary Washington gave me the chance to expand – not only focus on general education but also on special education and history," Block said.

Things soon took a turn for the worse, however. On June 15, 2000, Block received the news that his older brother Jeff had been killed in a car accident in Indiana. Jeff's wife and two children were also in critical condition, although they survived the crash. Immediately Block's moving plans were put on the back burner as he flew to Indiana to help his family in any way he could.

After spending two weeks in Indiana, he returned to Colorado. In an attempt to get his life somewhat back to normal, Block and a friend decided to keep

plans they had made for a trip to the Grand Canyon and into California.

On July 24, 2000, he and his friend rode miles down the side of the Grand Canyon. The next day, as they were leaving the area, disaster struck. Block, who was driving, had just taken off his seat belt to reach into the glove compartment when the vehicle ran off course and rolled, sending him flying over 100 feet from the car.

"The last thing I remember is people standing around me and not being able to breathe," Block said. "I was trying to ask about my friend but I knew that my lungs had collapsed."

The next thing Block remembers is waking up in the Northern Arizona Hospital in Flagstaff, Arizona. He had shattered his right hip into 38 pieces, fractured his left hip in 4 places, broken every rib on his right side, lacerated his liver and kidney, experienced peripheral nerve damage in both legs and feet, had a severe concussion, and suffered two collapsed lungs. His friend, who was wearing

depression as he continued to grieve the loss of his brother and attempted to rebuild his body.

In the spring of 2001, Block began teaching at Mary Washington College. He was strictly part-time for his first semester, teaching two classes and not engaging in any other work. According to Block, as soon as he began his work at the school, he fell in love with the campus, the students, and the faculty alike.

"The students, my colleagues and the administration were incredibly supportive," Block said. "People I didn't even know sent cards and letters and that meant so much to me."

During the fall semester, before he was able to be here, the administration gave him a full-time paycheck and medical coverage. Block called it "an unbelievable act of kindness."

This fall, Block has finally begun his full-time duties. Those who have already gotten to know Block here, either professionally or personally, all said that they have a remarkable amount of respect and admiration for him. Deborah Mannarano, administrative assistant in the Education Department, had much praise for Block.

"Kerry truly loves his students and everyone he comes in contact with," Mannarano said. "He has undergone more tragedy in his life this past year ... than anyone should ever have to endure in a lifetime. Throughout it all, he manages to triumph. He's quite a remarkable person and I, for one, am grateful that he is a part of this college. He's awesome!"

Junior Jessica Ratcliffe said she also appreciates Block's dedication.

"Dr. Block's enthusiasm for teaching and learning is apparent in everything he does," Ratcliffe said.

"I am constantly amazed by his love for his work and for everyone with whom he comes in contact. He is definitely an inspiration to me."

Junior Jennifer Havens said that class with Block encourages her to enjoy learning.

"I love him! He is so amazing and makes every day that much better," Havens said. "He really cares about all of us and makes every class fly by."

While Block's strength may seem remarkable to most, he is quick to point out that everyone goes through tragedies in life, and that strength of character is tested.

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Photo courtesy of the Education Dept.
Professor Kerry Block

No Place Like Home

By ANAMDA-KATE JACOBS

Assistant Features Editor

While sitting on a bench on campus walk, watching the cookie cutter population of Mary Washington College walk by on their way to class, I often catch myself thinking about the various college experiences to be had. Don't get me wrong, I have never doubted my fondness of good old Mary Wash. However, there have been moments of quiet reflection in which I have pondered the other path I could have taken if I had, perhaps, chosen to attend a completely different college.

Spurred by one of these fleeting thoughts, I spent a weekend visiting a friend at Boston University. Upon my arrival to the great city of the north, I knew I had met my match.

"Wow, those are some pretty big apartment buildings. They look like the projects!" I exclaimed as Bonnie and I stepped off the T. The Bostonian term for the subway.

"Those are the dorms," she replied. Well then,



The day that Mary Washington College has a riot will be the day that the gender ratio is even.

Rowe Street and Stafford Ave. hold a candle to these galas. I could see happy Greek life could be so tempting, with its endless reservoirs of alcohol and new and interesting people bumping and grinding in a mansion designed for dinner parties and high society soirees.

At night, while tossing and turning in my bunk bed back at cell block six, a.k.a. Bonnie's dorm, I reviewed my notes on the schools. Boston has the cultural activities that I crave, such as theatre and museums, not to mention malls that actually have a Gap. There is something to be said for having a plethora of activities other than campus events available at all times.

Also, Boston is a college town, and perhaps it would be easier to secure a date when the odds are not so dramatically stacked against me. But there was no denying that something very important that was missing.

At Mary Washington College, I feel part of a community. It is comforting to know when I stroll down campus walk that everyone I pass goes to school with me. I missed the familiarity that a small residence hall fostered.

Perhaps I am being sentimental, or even a bit ideological, but I would not trade the quaintness and community of Mary Wash for all the frat boys Boston could provide.

Perfectly content?
Write it on the Sprit Rock.
Having issues?
Write a letter to the Editor!
bullet@mwc.edu

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- Kerry Block

her seat belt at the time of the accident, required scalp surgery and treatment for her numerous cuts and abrasions, but was then released.

Block spent two and a half weeks in intensive care, receiving high doses of painkillers and anti-inflammatory medication. A very small window in his hospital room was his only contact with the outside world.

"The sunrises and sunsets, the light of the day followed by the dark of night, were all that marked the passing of days for me," Block said.

After intensive care was moved to Physical Rehabilitation where he remained for an additional two months.

Aug. 7, 2000 was the day that Block had originally planned to begin his life in Frederickburg. Mary Washington College was expecting him, and he had hoped to be completely settled before the fall semester began. As soon as he was able, Block called the administration to inform them of his condition and discuss the future. Together they decided that it would not be possible for him to teach during the fall semester.

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service on campus



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telethon last
Friday



to movies starring
pop stars

in the stars

Aquarius - Drive to get what you want. Do not allow others to tell you where to go. Make them give you what you want.

Pisces - Never act like you know everything. Stay away from annoying people. Today it is very important that you take on a passive role.

Aries - You must work very hard to get yourself organized. If you desire to be successful then everything must be placed in its proper place.

Taurus - You will be asked to make a presentation. When speaking, show off your dynamic personality.

Gemini - Maintain an optimistic outlook. Whatever seems like a bad situation now can always be turned around.

Cancer - Never be passive while it comes time to make a decision. You must speak your mind so you are not overlooked.

Leo - Allow you and your partner to communicate your feelings tonight. Express your love for each other.

Virgo - Try not to be moody today. You may end up pushing away someone who loves you dearly.

Libra - Work really hard to charm your family. They are concerned about your state of mind.

Scorpio - Be involved with many things. Don't focus on only one idea.

Sagittarius - Work on believing in yourself. You must be a strong person. Don't allow others to walk all over you.

Capricorn - Always be faithful to the ones that you love. They will always be there for you when you need them.

Peace: A First Priority

By ALYSSA BEST
Staff Writer

Last Thursday evening, 52 Mary Washington students silently walked through campus and into downtown Fredericksburg to U.S. military action in the Middle East.

The Human Rights Club, Muslim Student Association, and International Living Center (Framar House) organized the peace walk to advocate a nonviolent response to the events of Sept. 11. The participants wore white clothing to show solidarity with those who are suffering all over the world.

"The walk was to provide a focal point for students whose response to the tragedy of the eleventh has not been reflected in the dominant media or in the words and actions of the U.S. government," said senior Clay Templeton, librarian for the Human Rights Club.

The participants carried candles, two banners promoting peace, and wore white ribbons to represent their opposition to a retaliatory attack on Afghanistan. The participants silently walked for one hour along campus walk, William Street, Caroline Street, and George Street, and ended their walk at the fountain at Hurkamp Park on the corner of Prince Edward Street and William Street.

"It was very organic how it all happened," junior Gabriel Walters said. "Everyone instinctively circled around the fountain and it was very impromptu how everybody blew out their candles in sequence."

Walters, a member of the Human Rights Club, said he hoped the walk provided a sense of solidarity among the community and also protested recent violent and racist acts towards Arab-Americans.

For participants in the walk handed out flyers, which contained the Human Rights Club's statement on recent events.

According to the flyer, the club states that "Muslims and Americans of Middle Eastern descent have been the victims of hate and speech threats. It is not enough to shake our heads in disgust at this bigoted reaction from a small minority. We ask that people vocally and physically oppose this type of racism."

Senior Shaha Chohan, a Muslim student from Pakistan and member of the Muslim Student Association, said that the walk was a positive activity in which people of all backgrounds came together. She explained that she was encouraged by members of the community who stepped out of shops and



Photo courtesy of Alyssa Best

Veronica Schultz, Ashley Winfree, Amina Shafi, Mary Clark, and Kat Stangler hold banners at the Peace Walk last Thursday.

restaurants to watch the participants walk by and take flyers.

"I highly appreciated the efforts of the community to show their support for us as we walked down William Street," said Patrick Killingsworth, a member of the Human Rights Club. "We saw many thumbs-up on the passenger windows. I did have a little bit of a concern over whether the people who saw us could understand what our message was."

John and Karen Cummings, Spotsylvania residents, joined the group at Hurkamp Park after they saw the students walking along the road. They said they were interested in reading the message on the banners.

"I have no problem with seeking nonviolent means but we have to realize that we were attacked quite violently," said John Cummings, after reading the Human Rights Club's flyer. "If it calls for violent retaliation after well-thought investigation, so be it."

Senior Scarlet Rose, who watched the participants walk along campus walk, said the

walk suggested optimism for the future.

"When I saw the people walking by, I thought it was a really powerful statement regarding the troubles of the past week and a half," Rose said. "I liked that they were white, as a symbol of peace, rather than black to mourn the tragedy."

Junior Aziz Yousuf, a member of the Muslim Student Association, said that he felt a mixture of emotions as he walked in silence.

"It's ridiculous that we live in a day and age in which we can't just live peacefully with one another and be safe anywhere at any time," Yousuf said. "I'm also saddened by the fact that people automatically assume that actions as a whole are all responsible for the actions of a small, fanatical group."

Senior Gina McGovern, a member of the Human Rights Club, said that as she walked, she thought of an African song called "We Are Walking the Light of Love," which she likes to sing at protests because it has a calming effect.

"I also thought about how many people I've seen on the media who are feeling opposite to us," McGovern said. "And I hope that this event is going to make them think that there is another option."

Human Rights Club member sophomore Priscilla Tomescu said that she also thought of the community's response to the peace walk when The Free-Lance Star's article on the event appeared the next day.

"I don't think a violent response is going to heal the world or resolve this conflict," she said. "I want to get people thinking more about an alternative."

"Considering that our country is already mobilizing for a military strike, I don't feel that there is much we as citizens can do to stop that, especially since a formal declaration of war is not issued at the moment," Walters continued. "As far as globally, there are concerns we can raise and there are policies we can protest, but I feel it will be much more effective acting locally and domestically."

Fredericksburg Fun On the Web

By ERIN GRIMM
Staff Writer

If you have ever found yourself sitting around on a Saturday night looking for the party on "Whatever Street" and muttering to yourself, "Is there anything else to do in Fredericksburg?" look no further. The news department of fredericksburg.com has established a new website solely for Mary Washington students. At www.fredericksburg.com/mwc, you can find the answer to that question, and more.

Entitled "MWC Beyond Yer Dorm," the site began in late August, and has since been expanding its appeal to the college student community. Brian Baer, news producer of the site, emphasized his desire for the site to become part of Mary Washington College student life.

"For a long time, we've recognized the campus community as one that has been largely overlooked," Baer said. "We want to reach out to the students and serve as a useful resource in every way possible. We also want this site to be fun."

When blisters on the bottom of feet signal that walking to the fun is not an option, the web page is there to help. The "Getting Around Off Campus" section of the site gives further options of transportation, minus the walking. Need a number to get a cab? Need some information on the FRED? Thinking about buying a bike for that off-campus job? Or maybe catching the Metro or the train to D.C., sounds like weekend fun suited for a college student? The information is just a click away.

Freshman Brian Napier said that the site helps those who just recently arrived in Fredericksburg learn about the town.

"The site is good for getting around town because I'm not too familiar with the Fredericksburg area," Napier said.

Maybe the last concert you saw was this summer and you're itching to get out and enjoy a live band. Another feature of the site, "Sounds In The Town," can click and point students in the direction of five music with times, locations, and prices included. Are Fredericksburg's sounds just not cutting it anymore? Fear not, just check out the "Concerts Schedules Out of Town" listings.

"I like the listings for the sounds going on around town," senior Jessica Morris said. "They're really helpful for



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Brian Baer of the Free Lance Star is the news producer of "MWC Beyond Yer Dorm," a new feature of the Fredericksburg.com website aimed at MWC students.

people looking to go out and have a good time."

A date on Saturday night may present a problem since as a college student, the cash flow is close to nil. Don't worry about having enough cash, just check out the "Cheap Eats" section of the site, which tells students just what to expect as far as prices, ambiance, and menus at area restaurants. Perhaps that hot date likes to party. The "Clubs" section clues him or her in on the atmosphere at clubs like Orbitz, Houston's, and Spirits.

"I like that the site relates to college students, especially with information about places to go and places to eat," freshman Bryan Frayzel said.

The website also keeps updates on apartment listings, job opportunities, shopping, and recent campus events. The site's news team, which includes Editor, Chris Muldrow and news producers, Alex Russell and Bear, plans to add more content to the site.

According to Baer, plans include adding a Mary Washington College discussion board, a personals section, student columns, reviews, pictures, short stories, and poetry. The news team also

plans to feature a "Beermeter," which Baer describes as a "fun, weekly guide to the cheapest beer in town." Baer said he believes the success of the site will come with its expansion.

"This site will be a success when MWC students regularly log on to read about their friends, find weekend plans, find a job, and read columns by MWC students," Baer said.

The site also includes humorous accounts of college life. Sections entitled "Learning How To Do Laundry" and "You're No Longer The Same Person You Were In High School" explore the aspects of coming to college and living on your own.

Another section depicts the "Top 10 Ways To Tell MWC Students Are Back In Town," number three being "Fredericksburg bars actually have people in them after 10 p.m.," and number ten being "Sam Adams and Ben & Jerry's are suddenly very hard to find on area shelves."

The site keeps abreast of campus events and issues as well, such as the Human Rights Club's peace march.

"We have significantly boosted our coverage of MWC students and events this year and plan to continue that coverage," Baer said. "We're getting beyond just showing up in Dodd or Great Hall when there's a featured speaker."

The news team is also documenting the lives of three freshmen and plans to feature their stories a few times throughout the year on the site.

Although the news of the new website has not reached all of Mary Washington College's student body, the Free Lance Star is planning to advertise the site on campus by giving away bookmarks and doughnuts. According to Baer, the site's direction depends on the students.

"It's just starting out and now is the time to influence what direction you'd like to take it in," Baer said. "We want students to know there's life outside the dorms, Seacobeck and off-campus parties. We're not MWC students and don't pretend to know what's going on in your lives. Tell us. Write for us. Send us feedback. This is your site."

fredericksburg.com

Professor Triumphs Over Adversity

By MINDY COMPER
Staff Writer

In the spring of 2000, everything in Kerry Block's life seemed to be falling into place. After being offered the position of assistant professor in the Education Department at Mary Washington College, he was finishing up the semester at Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado. He found a wonderful house in the country outside of Frederickburg, and was looking forward to making the transition from the Rocky Mountains to the East Coast, despite the fact that he would miss Colorado very much.

"Relocating to Mary Washington gave me the chance to expand – not only focus on general education but also on special education and history," Block said.

Things soon took a turn for the worse, however. On June 15, 2000, Block received the news that his older brother Jeff had been killed in a car accident in Indiana. Jeff's wife and two children were also in critical condition, although they survived the crash. Immediately Block's moving plans were put on the back burner as he flew to Indiana to help his family in any way he could.

After spending two weeks in Indiana, he returned to Colorado. In an attempt to get his life somewhat back to normal, Block and a friend decided to keep

plans they had made for a trip to the Grand Canyon and into California.

On July 24, 2000, he and his friend rode mules down the side of the Grand Canyon. The next day, as they were leaving the area, disaster struck. Block, who was driving, had just taken off his seat belt to reach into the glove compartment when the vehicle ran off course and rolled, sending him flying over 100 feet from the car.

"The last thing I remember is people standing around me and not being able to breathe," Block said. "I was trying to ask about my friend but I knew that my lungs had collapsed."

The next thing Block remembers is waking up in the Northern Arizona Hospital in Flagstaff, Arizona. He had shattered his right hip into 38 pieces, fractured his left hip in 4 places, broken every rib on his right side, lacerated his liver and kidney, experienced peripheral nerve damage in both legs and feet, had a severe concussion, and suffered two collapsed lungs. His friend, who was wearing

depression as he continued to grieve the loss of his brother and attempted to rebuild his body.

In the spring of 2001, Block began teaching at Mary Washington College. He was strictly part-time for his first semester, teaching two classes and not engaging in any other work. According to Block, as soon as he began his work at the school, he fell in love with the campus, the students, and the faculty alike.

"The students, my colleagues and the administration were incredibly supportive," Block said. "People I didn't even know sent cards and letters and that meant so much to me."

During the fall semester, before he was able to be here, the administration gave him a full-time paycheck and medical coverage. Block called it "an unbelievable act of kindness."

This fall, Block has finally begun his full-time duties. Those who have already gotten to know Block here, either professionally or personally, all said that they have a remarkable amount of respect and admiration for him. Deborah Mannarano, administrative assistant in the Education Department, had much praise for Block.

"Kerry truly loves his students and everyone he comes in contact with," Mannarano said. "He has undergone more tragedy in his life this past year ... than anyone should ever have to endure in a lifetime. Throughout it all, he manages to triumph. He's quite a remarkable person and I, for one, am grateful that he is a part of this college. He's awesome!"

Junior Jessica Ratcliffe said she also appreciates Block's dedication.

"Dr. Block's enthusiasm for teaching and learning is apparent in everything he does," Ratcliffe said. "I am constantly amazed by his love for his work and for everyone with whom he comes in contact. He is definitely an inspiration to me."

Junior Jennifer Havens said that class with Block encourages her to enjoy learning.

"I love him! He is so amazing and makes every day that much better," Havens said. "He really cares about all of us and makes every class fly by."

While Block's strength may seem remarkable to most, he is quick to point out that everyone goes through tragedies in life, and that strength of character is tested.

"I'm just one life among many, and every life matters," Block said. "Each person deserves to be loved and supported the way I was. We must treat each other with respect and listen to everyone's stories. Especially in light of the tragedies in New York City and Washington, D.C., I'm humbled to realize that my story is just one of many and we all need to help each other through difficult times."

No Place Like Home

By AMANDA-KATE JACOBS

Assistant Features Editor

White sitting on a bench on campus walk, watching the cookie cutter population of Mary Washington College walk by on their way to class, I often catch myself thinking about the various college experiences to be had. Don't get me wrong, I have never doubted my fondness of good old Mary Wash. However, there have been moments of quiet reflection in which I have pondered the other path I could have taken if I had, perhaps, chosen to attend a completely different college.

Spurred by one of these fleeting thoughts, I spent a weekend visiting a friend at Boston University. Upon my arrival to the great city of the north, I knew I had met my match.

"Wow, those are some pretty big apartment buildings. They look like the projects!" I exclaimed as Bonnie and I stepped off the T, the Bostonian term for the subway.

"Those are the dorms," she replied. Well then,

1st Person



breathlessly, "We've stopped traffic on Commonwealth Ave.! We're gonna be on the eleven o'clock news!"

What a claim to fame. The day that Mary Washington College has a riot will be the day that the gender ratio is even.

"After such an eventful day, the evening activities turned out to be just as colorful. Earlier in the year,

Bonnie had rushed and was admitted to a sorority that was having a mixer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology that night. I admittedly had several stereotypes of the typical sigma delta whatever girl, and I viewed frat parties as an endless cesspool of STD's and drunken testosterone. However, I have never been so happy to be proven wrong before.

We entered the MIT frat party on Boylston Street, in the heart of historic Boston. The frat house was a six-story mansion designed by the same architect that created the Oval Office. Twenty-six of MIT's finest lived in the house. I mustered up the best party girl image I could, and continued on my way.

Rowe Street and Stafford Ave. hold no candle to

these galas. I could see how Greek life could be so tempting, with its endless reservoirs of alcohol and new

interesting people bumping and grinding in a mansion designed for dinner parties and high society soirees.

At night, while tossing and turning in my bunk bed back at cell block six, a.k.a. Bonnie's dorm, I reviewed my notes on the schools. Boston has the cultural activities that I crave, such as theatre and museums, not to mention malls that actually have a Gap. There is something to be said for having a plethora of activities other than campus events available at all times.

Also, Boston is a college town, and perhaps it would be easier to secure a date when the odds are not so dramatically stacked against me. But there was no denying that something very important that was missing.

At Mary Washington College, I feel part of a community. It is comforting to know when I stroll down campus walk that everyone I pass goes to school with me. I missed the familiarity that a small residence hall fostered.

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I pictured my freshman dorm, Bushnell Hall, where on sunny days, residents were often sprawled out on the front lawn, giving the square the nickname "the Bushnell Beach." The endless sea of asphalt and concrete was not the only difference in the thirteen-story buildings that loomed ahead.

To enter the dorm, I had to swipe my ID twice, walk through a metal detector, and flash my ID to a guard. It was the Spanish Inquisition of security systems compared to the desk aides that barely looked up at my friends and I made late-night cameos throughout the dorms at Mary Washington College.

As if my introduction to the dorms was not daunting enough, the "planned campus activity" for the day was enough to send me into catatonic shock. In response to controversy with the BU/Nickerson stadium, the students began a riot at a soccer game.

I watched from the safety of the dorm window as students burned their handbooks and chanted obscenities aimed at the school. The closest thing I had ever seen to a riot at Mary Washington College were a few hissy fits by cranky students during registration.

Bonnie returned from the riot, reeking of smoke from the smoldering books and flags, and said

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Perfectly content?
Write it on the Sprit Rock.
Having issues?
Write a letter to the
Editor!
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- Kerry Block

Photo courtesy of the Education Dept.

Professor Kerry Block



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Sports

the latest athletic news and information

schedules

Field Hockey

Sept. 29: vs. Lynchburg College
Sept. 30: vs. Bridgewater College

Women's Soccer

Sept. 27: at Gouche College
Sept. 29: vs. Eastern College
Sept. 30: vs. Dickinson College

Men's Soccer

Sept. 29: vs. Goucher College
Oct. 2: at Christopher Newport
Oct. 4: vs. Gallaudet University

Cross Country

Sept. 28: at George Washington University Invitational

Volleyball

Sept. 28: vs. Shenandoah University
Oct. 3: vs. Gallaudet University

Men's Rugby

Sept. 29: vs. Longwood College

scores

Field Hockey

Sept. 18: St. Mary's College W 2-1
Sept. 22: Johns Hopkins University W 6-1

Sept. 23: Franklin & Marshall College W 4-1

Sept. 26: Catholic University L 5-4

Women's Soccer

Sept. 22: Salisbury University W 1-0

Men's Soccer

Sept. 22: Roanoke College L 4-2
Sept. 26: Virginia Wesleyan L 2-0

Volleyball

Sept. 22: Bridgewater College L 3-2

Sept. 26: York College W 3-1

Men's Rugby

Sept. 22: Virginia University L 27-14

athlete of the week

Jessica Morris

Senior forward was CAC player of the week after leading the Eagles to 3 wins and breaking the school record for points. She now has 104.

Club Sports: A League Of Their Own Often Unappreciated Clubs Find Niche On Campus

Epees, Sabres and Foils. Oh My!

Fencing Is Not What You Expect

By LIZ KELLER
Staff Writer

"En garde!"

Sounds of clashing metal fill the air as two members of the Mary Washington College fencing team begin their bout.

The fencing club, which originally started at MWC in the early 1960s, was revived in 1995 and since then membership has steadily increased. The team has doubled in size from 25 to 50 students since last year. The club members said they enjoy fencing not only because of its physical challenges, but for its mental challenges as well.

"One of the most important facets of fencing is its competitive angle. People get a lot out of it. It makes them faster, stronger, and smarter," senior Daniel Brown, president of the club, said.

However, Brown said that many people don't have a lot of respect for the sport because they don't understand it. For those of us non-fencers, here is a quick overview.

The three weapons used in fencing are the foil, epee, and sabre. While the foil and epee are point-thrusting weapons, the sabre is both a point-thrusting and cutting weapon. Techniques and target areas for the three weapons are all unique.

Each bout in fencing goes to five touches, the person who hits their opponent in the target areas five times wins. According to Mary Washington College's Fencer's Handbook, in the foil technique points are scored with the tip of the blade and must land within the torso of the body. In epee, touches are scored only with the point of the blade and the entire body is a valid target. In the sabre technique, the target area is from the bend of the hips to the top of the head.

Last year, the team entered its first ever intercollegiate tournament at James Madison University and has plans to enter more competitions this year. According to Brown, they fenced all of the best clubs in the state and did very well, with some members receiving medals.

"For the most part, our team is self-taught, only a few of us had fenced before coming here and we were very happy that we did so well," Brown said.

Many fencers, such as junior Michelle Corey, vice president of the club, said they like the competitive aspect of the sport.

"I love the art of fencing and I forget how much work it is because competition is so much fun," Corey said.

Sophomore Mike LaMonica and freshman Megan

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The Terrapins get ready for competition.

MWC Terrapins Get In Sync Synchronized Swimmers Search For Coach

By OSAS AIRAHABERE
Assistant Sports Editor

Synchronized Swimming website in search of a new head coach.

The Mary Washington College Synchronized Swimming team is searching for a new head coach. The proposed salary of \$3,000 from August to March comes out of the Terrapin's \$8,000 budget.

Senior Kristine Daniels, captain of the team, said that she posted a classified advertisement on the U.S.



Seniors Erin McCarty (left) and Matt Eastham (right) crawl through the Spiderweb at Hemlock Adventure Course.

More Than Just Camping Trek Club Offers Variety Of Sports

By PAM KRAMER
Staff Writer

Rebecca Turnbull loves kayaking. Mike Doll wanted to try skiing. Becky Naumann loves white water rafting.

What do each of these students have in common? They are all part of the increasingly popular trek club.

Started in 1992 by Nick Duncan, a graduate of Mary Washington College, the trek club is an outdoors club that provides the opportunity for MWC students to go on various weekend excursions at a less expensive rate than if they were to do it by themselves.

Three years ago the club had about 30 members, but today there are over 100 members, half female and half male, with 12 officers. Senior co-presidents senior Sara Joyce and Erin McCarty run the weekly meetings of these officers along with the secretary, treasurer, historian and trip coordinators.

Any student can join by paying the \$10 membership fee along with a small price for each trip. With this fee,

members also have access to the many different types of equipment owned by the club. Equipment includes tents, backpacks, camping stoves, chairs, lanterns and other outdoor gear.

There are no regular meetings for the members and each member can pick and choose which of the many excursions they would like to go on. "The time commitment is just what they want to do, that's what's great about it," McCarty said.

"The members can be trip coordinators too," Joyce said. "If someone decides at an interest meeting they want to lead a trip they are interested in they can do that."

Only members are allowed to go on the trips with the exception of the hiking expedition.

For the most part, the cost is cut so much, they just pay the \$10 and they are still paying less," McCarty said.

Because this is a club funded by the school, participants pay half of what it would normally cost and the school pays half. However, the club still does

fundraisers by selling T-shirts and stickers.

Although the group participates in all sorts of dangerous activities, no skill is necessary and anyone can participate. One recent weekend, the group went on a kayaking trip.

"We definitely had all skill levels, from people who have never been on the water before to people who have gone paddling down the James River and white-water rafted," McCarthy said. "What we do is we put somebody more experienced in the back and tried to have somebody less experienced up front just so they could still learn and not get frustrated."

From hiking trips to rock climbing to paintball, members of this club said they get to enjoy the splendors of nature while making new friends and bonding with old ones.

"We are a very sociable group. We are a very active group. It's full of

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UFOs Spotted On Campus Ultimate Frisbee Team Ready to Play

By RYAN FINDLEY
Staff Writer

Frisbees have been around for years and people have invented all sorts of different games and ways of using them, from teaching a dog how to fetch to playing Frisbee golf. However, three years ago the Mary Washington College campus was bornbanded with a new group of Frisbee fanatics. They call themselves Mad Mary Ultimate. They are the ultimate frisbee gurus of the Mary Washington campus.

For those that do not know what ultimate Frisbee is, it is a sport like no other. Ultimate Frisbee is played with seven people on each side and has no referee; the players make their own calls. The object is to score as many points as possible by catching the frisbee in the allotted goal zone.

Ryan Quinn, a recent graduate, and some of his frisbee friends started Mad Mary Ultimate in the fall of 1999. Since the team has grown in numbers and respect, but yet there are elements which some people just don't understand.

"People think we are hippies. We're just a bunch of guys that like to have a good time and play ultimate frisbee. We may have long hair, but we are not hippies," junior Matt Lange said as he

tried to explain the misconceptions about the game he loves. "What I like most about the sport is the spirit of the game," Lange continued. "It's based upon honesty and respect for the other team. Ultimate frisbee can be extremely competitive, but no one let's winning get in the way of having a good time and the spirit of the game."

This year the Mad Mary Mothers held a tournament and were successful in beating Towson State 13-6 and defeating Catholic University 13-2. They plan on hosting another tournament in October and will be attending a tournament at Shippensburg University in October. The team practices at Ball Circle every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 p.m.

However, senior John Ramira said, "It used to be every Friday afternoon at 3:30 there would be pick up games for everyone. It was like a tradition. Now I feel like people are more intimidated to come out and play pick up games just for fun. We would like to go back to that tradition and get more people out playing for fun and attract people who have never played before."

Due to the recent success of the men's ultimate frisbee club sophomore Teresa

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Scene

your guide to entertainment

coming attractions

▼ **Thurs. Sept. 27:**
Concert, "Fredstock,"
 featuring local bands.
 4 p.m. The beach between
 Mason and Randolph Halls.
Free.

▼ **Thurs. Sept. 27:**
Play, "The Glass Menagerie," 8 p.m., Klein Theatre. \$2 students, \$4 adults.

▼ **Fri. Sept. 28:**
Movie, "Citizen Kane," 7 p.m. Also Sat. Sept. 29 7 p.m. "Strangers on a Train" 10 p.m. Also Sat. 2 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$1.

▼ **Sat. Sept. 29:**
Comedy Performance.
 Mission IMPROvable. 8 p.m. Great Hall. **Free.**

▼ **Wed. Oct. 3:**
Movie, "Strictly Ballroom," sponsored by the Social Dance Club. 7:30 p.m. **Free.**

▼ **Wed. Oct. 3:**
Mr MWC Show. Doors open 7:00 p.m., show starts 7:30 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. **Free.**

top ten movies

- 1.) Hardball
- 2.) The Others
- 3.) The Glass House
- 4.) Rush Hour 2
- 5.) The Musketeer
- 6.) Rock Star
- 7.) Two Can Play That Game
- 8.) Rat Race
- 9.) Jeepers Creepers
- 10.) American Pie 2

Coming Soon: "Zoolander," starring Ben Stiller and his wife, Christine Taylor. Opens Sept. 28th.

source:
<http://www.imdb.com>

quote of the week

"Maybe there won't be marriage, maybe there won't be sex, but by God there'll be dancing!"

My Best Friend's Wedding

FAST FACT:

Country star Lyle Lovett is afraid of cows.

College Groups Rock Out Around The Area

The Four Ingredients Necessary For A Successful College Rock Band

By HEATHER JONES
Assistant Scene Editor

College and Fredericksburg community?

Dedication

Dedication of time and spirit is an absolute necessity for the five men who make up the mainstream college rock group Folded Under. With at least two practices a week and between two and four shows a month, Folded Under must be willing to give up a lot of free time to working together as a band.

Senior Brian Camp, plays guitar and sings in Folded Under and said he often has to balance classes, jobs, and the commitments of the band.

"If we have a show out of town it can be difficult with tests or getting stuff turned in," Camp said.

Senior and fellow bandmate Mike Sandridge said he shares similar sentiments in regards to getting schoolwork done.

"Sometimes we have to cancel a practice or bow out early," Sandridge said.

The hard edge roots rock band Here Today echoes similar feelings about the need for dedication. Junior John Daubert, a guitarist in Here Today, said he knows that sometimes a lot of time and heart is needed to smooth out wrinkles in their songs.

"In one song we had a tempo change that was kind of difficult so that took some time, but we really love our music, so it was worth it," Daubert said.

Loving Music

A deep love for the music also fuels a band's drive for success. Local band The Last Sunrise, an eclectic mix of metal, indie rock and punk styles, boasts alumnus Rich Speakman and senior Dan O'Neill, as well as fellow bandmates Steve Merlo and Aaron Sparks. They all said that a shared love of the music that they create keeps them focused.

"We see music as an art form. We strive to bring a quality to our music instead of trying to pack in a house by playing what is popular," Sparks said.

Sandridge of Folded Under shares a similar feeling toward

his music.

"Playing music is what we really love to do," said Sandridge.

A Welcoming Community

A third element of tantamount importance to these bands' success is a welcoming community, which is where our precious campus and historic community come in.

Sparks of The Last Sunrise said he thinks Fredericksburg is a great place to start up a band.

"Fredericksburg's a great town because the location is not too out in the boondocks and because you get lots of people from different areas. It provides a lot of diversity, which is good to have as an audience when you're presenting your music," Sparks said.

Senior Ben Hite, from the jam rock group McLaw's Drive, said he also sees advantages to living in the Fredericksburg area, due to the small town environment.

"When I'm hanging out downtown people will sometimes come over and recognize me [from the band]," Hite said.

Daubert of Here Today said that the college community fosters a positive environment for a growing band.

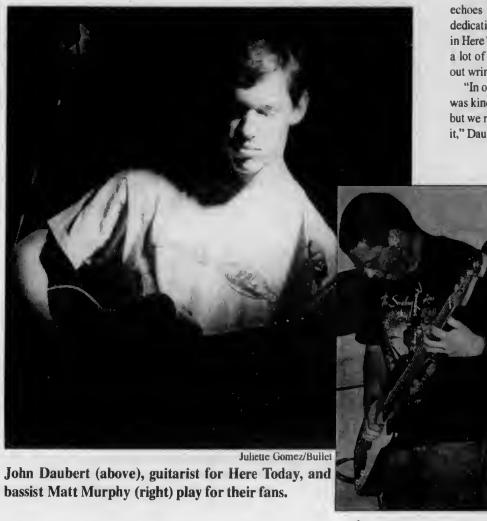
"Being a college student has opened up more opportunities than closed them. Having the Underground here is great," Daubert said.

Sandridge and Camp of Folded Under share the same positive sentiment in regards to Mary Washington College and the community.

"MWC is such a small community that just by word of mouth we get a larger crowd," Camp said.

"You can be the best band in the world, but you can't start up at the 9:30 Club, so the college scene provides a safe environment for a growing band."

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John Daubert (above), guitarist for Here Today, and bassist Matt Murphy (right) play for their fans.

Mark Wahlberg: American Movie God

Marky Mark Proves He's The Ultimate Piece Of Beefcake With "Rock Star"

By KEVIN HICKERSON
Sports Editor

If you love eighties music, you'll love "Rock Star." If you love long, flowing hair that looked like it had sat in a pool of dye and was permed and crimped, you'll love Mark Wahlberg in "Rock Star." If you love seeing people do more coke than Robert Downey Jr. and drink more booze than Ben Affleck does, you'll love "Rock Star."

Additionally, Mark Wahlberg is an American Movie God.

There is no question that he is a superior movie personality. He can saunter onto any movie set and deliver his lines with a finesse that no one else in the business has. He also has a six-pack that would make Budweiser jealous.

Although all of his movies have not been successful, he takes on a variety of roles to show off his talents. The list is huge. "Fear," "Boogie Nights," "The Big Hit," "The Corruptor," "Three Kings," and "The Perfect Storm" are all killer films that would not have been the same if it were not for Wahlberg.

All right, "The Perfect Storm" really was one of the worst movies of 2000 but if it weren't for Wahlberg the movie would have sunk faster than that ship. He's the one who gave the tell-tell line that sends these morons to their death.

"There's a big ass storm coming but we can risk our lives to make money by sailing through it," he said. What a moron.

Wahlberg's new movie "Rock Star" has not earned much at the box office and has been ignored by the "critics." Who really cares about the opinion of "critics" when they do not even pay for their movies?

Anyway, I digress. My focus today is on Wahlberg's superb acting style, one that leaves audiences happy, and "Rock Star," which takes you into the magical and sometimes dubious world of sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll.

In his new movie, Wahlberg plays Chris Cole who is a struggling office supply salesperson by day and is the lead singer of



Photo Courtesy of Yahoo
 Mark Wahlberg (as Chris Cole in "Rock Star") is the All-American movie industry hunk of beefcake.

Blood Pollution, a tribute band to Steel Dragon, by night. When Chris is kicked out of his band, he receives an unexpected telephone call from Kirk, lead guitarist of Steel Dragon. Chris tries out, snags the role as lead singer of the popular metal band Steel Dragon because of his amazing pipes, and starts his tour of fame and fortune.

Amazing pipes? Does being part of a band that called itself "The Funky Bunch" qualify you to be the lead role in what is a musical comedy? Wahlberg does sing most of his music, hitting tons of notes that would strain most vocal chords for weeks, and he sounds fine. Good or bad, I would rather get my "good vibrations" from Wahlberg than from

say, Mariah Carey who seems to be serving herself more than her fans in the movie "Gitter."

Intertwined in this menagerie of hard rock tunes and debauchery, is Chris' girlfriend/manager Emily Poule played by Jennifer Aniston. It is refreshing to see Aniston step outside of her role of Rachel on the television show "Friends," although she has not had much big screen work. The only film that comes to mind is "Office Space" and that did not seem to stretch past her "Friends" character. "Rock Star" will make you evaluate her as an actress as she starts to make her move out of television and into movies.

It is a darn good thing that Wahlberg and Aniston can act because the script for "Rock Star" is unimaginative and feels like the writers took a valium in the second half of the film.

If you have seen VH1's "Behind The Music" on Judas Priest, the story seems familiar. Plot points are almost identical in most cases and in others, it is a blatant rip off. It seems the producers did not want to secure royalty rights to get the story completely right.

You do not have to be related to Miss Cleo or Dionne Warwick to figure out what was going to happen next in this film. You know Wahlberg will get in the band. You know he will go to the extreme and explore the rock 'n' roll life. You know he will have a fall from grace and try to find himself.

"Rock Star" is directed by Stephen Herek who has handled such films as "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," and "101 Dalmatians." Now it is not an impressive resume and does not make you want to see this film, I do not know what will.

That does not matter because Wahlberg makes you want to know about him and he lets you escape your life for two hours and gives you a chance to live the lifestyle of a heavy metal musician.

If you do not enjoy heavy metal, you are not going to like this movie at all. Go see "Gitter" or that piece of trash that *NSYNC guy is putting out. If you do enjoy heavy metal, unwrap, sit back and enjoy the splendor that is Mark Wahlberg.

What's your favorite word and why?

Photos and interviews by Juliette Gomez



"Sweet, no reason...it's just sweet."



"Mesh because the first time I said it, it sounded really cool."



"Pandemonius because it's a combination of pandemonium and harmonious."



"Poop because backwards it says poop."



"Papaya because it's so much fun to say."

Christina Cooper, sophomore

Ryan Kailath, freshman

Veronica Schultz, senior

Ben Cubbage, junior

Danielle Reeves, sophomore

Who ARE These Guys?

By JULIE STAVITSKI
Scene Editor

It seems that the recording industry is offering the consumer two "types" of musical icons for the 21st century: bubbly pop stars who churn out new discs faster than they can go through puberty, or hardcore punk/goth/mental bands with more piercings in their body than a bulletin board has pushpins. Whatever happened to the rockers who knew what melody and fantastic instrumental breaks were about?

Search for these elusive music makers no longer, for they come in the eclectic packaging of the Brand New Immortals. Comprised of singer/guitarist David Ryan Harris, drummer Kenny Cresswell, and former Black Crowes bassist Johnny Colt, these guys have been touring with Better Than Ezra for the past month. Fresh out of Atlanta, the band mixes a smooth blend of rock anthems, smooth ballads, and funky tunes into their debut disc, "Tragic Show."

The guys got the band's name from Colt's study of yoga, particularly that of Vendanta. The philosophy is that there is no division between humans and that all mortals are never born and never die.

Harris' Lenny Kravitz-esque vocals (and Wayne Brady-esque looks) compliments the songwriting styles of himself and Colt. In addition, the band is energetic and loves

performing, which makes their CD worth more than one or two spins on the stereo.

The first single, "Reasons Why," is a straightforward rock song, with a catchy guitar riff and ingenious lyrics. Describing a woman's taste for the slightly spineless man, Harris sings, "Stick figure man with no back bone/ Your brand new favorite toy! You'll teach, but he'll never learn." It has a mid nineties alternative flavor, with a bit of seventies hard rock mixed into the bass line.

"California" exhibits traces of one of their influences, Parliament, in a funky paced song. Less rock and more fun than some of the tracks on the CD, the song has a chanting chorus of "L.A." in the background while Harris' smooth voice keeps the song moving.

The best song on the record is undoubtedly "Tiny Voices," about a girl moving around to keep the frost from creeping back into her life. The thundering guitar riff chugging through the song really gives the feeling of movement, while the lyrics continue to tell the story of the girl. "She just goes around in circles/ Stopping only when, she's caused another wreck/ Apologizes for being hurtful/ And checks her rearview mirror full of regret."

Brand New Immortals are a breath of fresh air in the constricting world of popular music styles, mixing fun melodies and introspective lyrics into a fantastic package.



Brand New Immortals (left to right) bassist Johnny Colt, vocalist and guitarist David Ryan Harris, and drummer Kenny Cresswell.

College Bands Mix Music And Fun

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with friends and people who are just out to have a good time, and not to criticize," Sandridge said.

Daubert agrees.

"We get a lot of support from our friends and it's nice to look out into the crowd and see familiar faces who are enjoying the music as much as we are," Daubert said.

The Dreaded Money

Unfortunately, being in a band can not be all fun and games. According to these four bands, money is a huge issue. Money presents a big problem for college students and early 20-somethings who may not have a lot of dough for expensive equipment, promotions, and recordings. Moreover, if the band decides to go on the road, there are the added expenses of hotel rooms, vans and trailers.

The bandmates of McLaws Drive have learned first hand how financially draining being in a band can be. "We have been paying off a huge debt for a lot of equipment that cost somewhere around \$15,000, so we've been paying that off with the money we make, and it's down to about \$10,000 now," Hite said.

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Ben Hite

Hite also said that there are ways to counteract the huge expenses.

"We usually get free beer wherever we play, and on occasion, free food," he said.

The Last Sunrise said they also feel the impact of big expenses, but have found a way to help ease the pain.

"Being a musician is a form of self-employment so you can write off a lot of expenses on a 10-99 form for the IRS," Sparks said.

Daubert of Here Today also shares his financial woes.

"All the money we made last year in Battle of the Bands and the New Year's Show went toward recording our CD," he said.

These are the ingredients that four bands local to our campus and community have cited as absolute essentials to success and having a great time. However, there is no fool-proof formula to making a successful band.

"Not everyone's a musician," said Sparks of The Last Sunrise.

Wherever your musical tastes, it cannot be disputed that these guys are working hard, and are having a blast doing it.



Menagerie Opens In Klein This Weekend

The Department of Theatre and Dance's 2001-2002 opens Thursday, Sept. 27 with their production of Tennessee Williams' piece "The Glass Menagerie."

The story is set in the American South in the early 1900's, and focuses on the Wingfield family. Laura (Emilie Kulis, pictured at left), a shy young recluse, is being pressured by her mother to get married so she can have a means of support. Her mother persuades her brother Tom to bring a young man home from the warehouse where he works. The plot continues to follow Laura's interactions with the young man and the repercussions that follow.

"The Glass Menagerie" will run from Sept. 27 to Oct. 8 in Klein Theatre at 8 p.m., located in DuPont Hall. Tickets are \$2 students, \$4 adults. For more information, call 654-1124.

Compiled by Julie Stavitski

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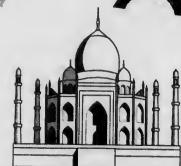
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SUMMER SCHOOL 2002 “EUROPEAN CAPITALS”

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For the tenth time, the Departments of History / American Studies and Political Science / International Affairs are sponsoring a *six-credit course* that will take students to Europe for twenty-six days during the first term of summer school in 2002. Students can experience the Europe of yesterday, today, and tomorrow by visiting London, Paris, Vienna, Florence, and Rome. The six credits for the course can be used as part of the major programs in History, Political Science, or International Affairs or as elective credit for students not in those majors.

THE COURSE – This is a unique course for Mary Washington College students. It does not duplicate what is already offered on the College campus but relies instead on material and experiences “on site.” Interdisciplinary in nature and team-taught, this course, by taking advantage of the unique cultural and academic resources that exist in the five capital cities, provides students with unmatched opportunities for study and learning. Students will be asked to read from texts that contain materials pertinent to the intellectual, cultural, economic, and political contributions the five capital cities have made to European history. Students will also have the opportunity to attend an artistic performance in several of the five cities and assess the artistic contributions of the various societies with visits to major museums.

THE FACULTY – An interdisciplinary faculty will teach the course. Professor Porter Blakemore from History and Professor John Kramer from Political Science and International Affairs will accompany the students from city to city.

ELIGIBILITY – “European Capitals” is open to all Mary Washington College students interested in the history, culture, and politics of Europe. Yet, there are a limited number of places available for this course and spots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

THE TRIP – Leaving from Dulles International Airport in Washington during the second week of May, the group will fly to London for a six-day stay, and then travel to the continent to spend five days in Paris, three days in Vienna, three days in Florence, and four days in Rome. There will be four days for travel between London and Paris (by train via the Channel under the English Channel), Paris and Vienna (by train through the Alps), Vienna and Florence (also by train through the Alps) and Florence and Rome (by bus). The group will return to Washington from Rome on June 7.

COSTS – Excluding the tuition for a six-credit course, the cost per student will be \$3,995. This fee includes all costs for airfare, lodging and breakfasts, inter city transportation, one-day excursions, and most costs for intra city transportation and admission to museums and cultural sites.

QUESTIONS? – For further details, attend the Study Abroad Fair September 28 in the Great Hall or our information meeting at 5:00 p.m. in Monroe 202 on Wednesday, October 3. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mr. Blakemore or Mr. Kramer (at extensions 1588 or 1495 respectively). The deadline for participation is October 17.

Crossword

By Ed Carty

Crossword 101

"Oscar Blends"

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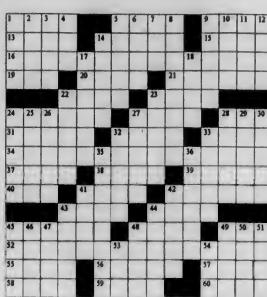
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34 1997 Best Picture/1995 Best Actor

37 On top
38 1966 Broadway musical
39 British noblemen
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42 Legends
43 Just sufficient
44 Zeros
45 As well as another
48 Helper
49 Ted Koppel's home
52 1958 Best Supporting Actor/Actress
55 Nice cheese
56 Makes ready for publica-
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57 Actress Hayworth

58 Short conf.
59 Dog command
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1 Castle ditch
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The answer to this week's crossword will be appear in the next Bullet.

Got a bone to pick? Need to vent? Write A Letter To The Editor

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U.S. Not the Only Country in Mourning

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dealing with this tragedy no words can describe. However, as I saw this picture a smile was actually produced.

It was a photo of Mary Washington College students together in a candlelight vigil. I couldn't believe that it was a picture of students at my school. Being out of the country, this picture gave me a sense of pride, not only for my country but also for my school. I turned to my boss and simply said, "This is my school." She was amazed as well. It was simply incredible to see how the school came together with such spirit.

I wish I could be home with family and friends but regrettably I cannot. However, I'm speechless to describe how the people of London have been touched by this monstrosity. They feel the blow as deep as any American feels it. I happened to be watching the events of Sept. 11 while standing on the trading floor here at Merrill Lynch. As I looked around all I saw were faces of horror. Everyone was worried for their colleagues who worked in the Merrill Lynch building located near the World

Trade Center. The reactions were as if they were Americans as well.

I work right next to St. Paul's Cathedral where a huge ceremony took place a little over a week ago. Walking out of the office that morning I saw thousands of people making their way to the cathedral to be part of the mourning ceremony. People from all races gathered for this event.

Don't think that it is any easier to be in another country at a time like this. Everyday we are given a new warning, the latest being a warning of a possible biological and chemical attack this week, the same warning given to all American allies. Both pro-American and anti-American rallies go on each week with both sides talking about destroying the other and I'm just left thinking, "What's next?"

Reagen Priest
Senior

Best Way To Defeat Terrorists Is Through Drugs

Dear Editor:

Perhaps now more than ever, there is an even stronger case for changing our government's stance in the 'War on Drugs'.

In addition to disenfranchising hundreds of thousands of non-violent citizens, wasting our tax dollars on programs that get larger and deliver fewer results each year, and helping the spread of corruption among our

police officers, prohibition of marijuana and other substances creates a black market.

Terrorists profit directly from America's 'War on Drugs'. They grow crops and sell them at the black market's outrageously inflated prices.

That's exactly what the Taliban was doing until this year, when George Dubya handed over 40 million dollars to coax them to stop.

They destroyed the crops, but how much do you want to bet they will start right up after Bush pulls any future funding?

Ending the 'War on Drugs' would remove the threat of prison from people who don't belong there, generate tax dollars that aren't there now, and would pull money right out of the terrorists' pockets.

Christopher Palkow

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The Weekly Wassup

What to do ... Where to go?!

Questions??? Contact OSACS @ x1061

September - October

Thursday 27	Friday 28	Saturday 29	Sunday 30	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3
FredStock	Study Abroad Fair	Mission IMPROVable		Grad School Forum	Lip Sync Contest	Mr. MWC Contest
-Between Mason & Randolph	-Great Hall	-Great Hall		-UVA	-Dodd Auditorium	-Dodd Auditorium
-4pm	-1pm - 4pm	-8:30pm		-leave MWC @ 9am -return @ 2:30pm	-doors open at 7pm -Show starts at 7:30	
-free food	-free		-free transportation	-7pm	-\$3	
Women of Color general meeting -Meeting Room 2 -3pm	Movie Night -7pm: Citizen Kane -10pm: Strangers on a Train	Movie Night -2pm: Strangers/Train -7pm: Citizen Kane	Movie Night -2pm: Citizen Kane	Spirit Rock Unveiling Ceremony -between Campus Center and Willard -4:30pm -free food & drinks	Grad School Session -Red Room -5pm - 6pm	Social Dance Club Movie Night: Strictly Ballroom -Wash Room -7:30pm - 9:30pm -free food
Catholic Student Association: Supper Seminar -CSA -5pm		12 th annual Little Welsh Festival -908 Charles Street	BOND meeting -Room 2 -8pm	Volunteer : Bragg Hill Family Life Ctr. -3pm - 5:30pm -transportation provided		Volunteer : Bragg Hill Family Life Ctr. -3pm - 5:30pm -transportation provided
Students for Choice general meeting -Red Room -9pm		Terrapins: Synchronized Swimming demo -Pool in Goolrick -2pm		Black Student Assoc. General meeting -Meeting Room 2 -5pm		

George Will Speak To College Campus

By SARAH LUCAS

Features Editor

Washington Post Columnist George F. Will will be speaking at the Fredericksburg Forum at Mary Washington College on Thursday, Oct. 4. So far, Mary Washington College has sold about 1400 tickets and has not yet sold out.

Will, who will be speaking on "Public Affairs, Public Policy, and American Society," will receive \$20,000 from the school, according to Louise Ashby, director of Community and Legislative Relations and Executive Director of the Fredericksburg Forum.

Ron Singleton, senior vice president for Advancement and College Relations, said that he does not know what Will will talk about but is almost certain he will address the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I've seen several columns by him lately that have dealt with [the attacks]," Singleton said. "It's something he feels strongly about, and something I'm sure he'll address."

In recent columns, Will has supported holding the nations who harbor terrorists accountable for terrorist activities. He has also warned, though, that "purely cathartic uses of military force today would be worse than inaction."

The Forum will consist of opening comments by Will, followed by a question-and-answer session in which moderators will ask questions that have been submitted beforehand by audience members.

The moderators for the evening will be Pamela Stallsmith, president of Virginia Press Women, and Steven Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science and international affairs at Mary Washington College and a former reporter for the Kansas City Star.

Farnsworth said that the proximity of the college to Washington, D.C., allows for some interesting political

speakers to come speak at the college. Previous Fredericksburg Forum speakers have included James Carville, John Sununu, Elizabeth Drew, and Ralph Nader.

"I think it's very important for students to have a chance to meet political figures like George Will," Farnsworth said. "This is one of the advantages of being a student at Mary Washington College. We're so close to Washington we can get some first-rate people here."

Farnsworth had previously organized the Elizabeth Drew and Ralph Nader Forums, as well as the first congressional district debate last year.

"I'm really looking forward to [being a moderator]," Farnsworth said. "I've been to a number of Fredericksburg Forums over the years, and one of the most interesting things about them are the questions that come from the audience. I'm really curious to see what questions people will have of George Will, particularly given the things that have happened in this country the past few weeks."

The afternoon of Oct. 4, Will will hold a question-and-answer session for students, which Farnsworth is organizing. The Fredericksburg Forum speakers are required to visit a classroom or hold a lecture session for students.

Farnsworth was also not sure specifically what Will will talk about in his opening remarks at the Forum, but said he will probably talk extensively about the events of Sept. 11.

"He may very well talk about things on Oct. 4 that happen between now and Oct. 4," Farnsworth said. "We're in the wake of the biggest national tragedy since Pearl Harbor. That's going to be on everyone's



Courtesy College Relations

George Will.

minds."

Will is also the author of 11 books on topics ranging from political philosophy to baseball. He was a regular panelist on the TV show "Agronsky and Company" from 1977-1984. From 1973 through 1976, he was Washington editor of National Review magazine. He served on the staff of the U.S. Senate for Gordon Allot (R-Colo.) from 1970 to 1972, and was a close friend of Ronald Reagan.

"George Will has had years of experience as a political analyst in Washington," Farnsworth said. "He can talk about any number of issues. He's had a front-row seat in American politics for more than 20 years."

Will, whose column appears in almost 500 newspapers in the U.S. and Europe, became a regular contributing editor to Newsweek in 1976 and won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1977. The conservative analyst is also a founding member of the panel of the Sunday morning news show This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts on ABC.

Singleton is pleased that Will is coming to speak at the Forum.

"It's an honor to have one of America's leading columnists and journalists speak on campus," Singleton said.

Tech Error Leaves Students Off Deans List

By LINDSEY BEATON

Staff Writer

A software problem in the Office of the Registrar left approximately 85 students off the Dean's List last semester.

Senior Rachel Cain was excited about making the Dean's List for the spring semester. She became irritated, however, when she received no notice from Mary Washington College of her accomplishment.

"I thought I'd get a paper or a letter or something, but I didn't get anything," she said.

Cain finally called the Office of the Registrar, where she was told only that they were having

problems with the system and would get back to her.

"I waited and waited and waited," she said. "But nothing came, so I called them again."

After being told a second time that there was a problem, she gave up until school started.

The first week of this semester, Cain asked Registrar Susan Stevenson about the situation.

"The problem involved whether or not a course can be repeated," Stevenson said.

The software used by the Registrar did not recognize and count repeated classes. As a result, they were read as ineligible for the Dean's List.

Cain said one of her repeated

courses caused the glitch. The system has since been fixed, but Cain feels let down.

"All I wanted was a letter," she said. "I was pretty anti-climatic, getting my grades and being all excited and never getting anything until I forced it. Now all I have is a new transcript that says 'Dean's List' for last semester."

Stevenson believes the problem has been solved. "Everyone's academic record has been corrected," Stevenson said. "Hopefully, this will never happen again."

New letters were sent out both congratulating students for their accomplishments and apologizing for the mistake.

Sitting Down To Prevent War

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change if the terrorists had bombed the MWC student center and many of your friends died."

Carol Reilly of Ennis, Mont., wrote, "My first thought after viewing the photo of the MWC students having a silent march for a peaceful resolution was 'Do college students have the backbone to come forth and serve their country?'"

The debate has been growing since Sept. 18, with both sides debating each other's positions with increasingly harsh language and name-calling.

Amina Shafiq just hopes Wednesday's sit-in will clear up any misconceptions about the group's pacifist position.

"We should be more clear in why we're saying we want peace," Shafiq said, adding that none of the event's sponsors condone the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Whether or not "Salaam" succeeded in clarifying their position is unknown since most people supporting a military strike stayed away from the event.

Sophomore Josh Morris, who

favors military action, went to "Salaam" out of curiosity but left in annoyance.

"They were presenting a noble cause such as world peace, but they weren't offering any means by which to go about it," Morris said.

Ashley Winfree of the Muslim Student Association presented a letter from an anonymous source that condemned the group's stance.

"I acknowledge that your smiles and candles are the rightful expressions of your beliefs,"

Winfree read. "But I suggest that you take your candles to New York City and use them to find body parts. Dead bodies stink real bad. Be careful, or your smile might extinguish your candle."

"I hope we got our message across but I guess we didn't,"

Winfree said, as she asked for help in crafting a response.

Many people at the sit-in

embraced the message of the

campus groups. Even people who had no connection to the college attended.

John and Polly Mahoney of the St. Francis Catholic Worker group, came to support their efforts.

"We think war is not

consistent with the teachings of Jesus," Polly

Mahoney said.

Curtis Ryan, associate professor of Political Science and International Affairs, hopes attendees will take the time to educate others about Islam and the Middle East.

"When it comes to the Middle East or Islam, the level of ignorance in this country is utterly staggering," Ryan said.

"I think there is a need to do something about it to inform ourselves, to inform our friends, our neighbors, our families."

According to the latest

Gallop Poll, 90 percent of all

Americans still support some form of military action.

Strippers On Campus: A Common Practice?

By CAROLINE S. WALLINGER

Assistant News Editor

Former Mary Washington student Katie Bickley turns 19 this Saturday and probably will forever. As a freshman in Virginia Hall, she was new to the college scene and her friends were ready to celebrate.

"We were having a party and I walked a stripper disguised as a Papa John's pizza man asking 'Who here ordered the meat lover's special?'" Bickley said. "I was so embarrassed, but now it's just a funny story."

Having strippers, either male or female, at on-campus parties is not altogether uncommon. Recently, Russell Hall president, freshman John Kelly, ordered a stripper for his 17th birthday.

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Kelly said his group paid \$175 for a stripper from Invisible Stockings, an erotic entertainment company based in Northern Virginia.

Freshmen and Russell residents Daniel Lee attended the party in Kelly's room, and said that the stripper stayed for about 40

minutes.

"It seems like a nice bonding experience," Lee said.

Lee said the stripper's name was Kim, and that she came to the room dressed normally, not in any disguise or costume.

Senior Matt Hoell, a resident in New Hall, said he wanted to order a stripper as part of a program for his residents in Randolph Hall last year.

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"The statement on community values is a real judgement call," Chirico said. "It's not something you have a specific answer to."

Chirico added that the individual students living in dorms are responsible for defining the values they uphold therein.

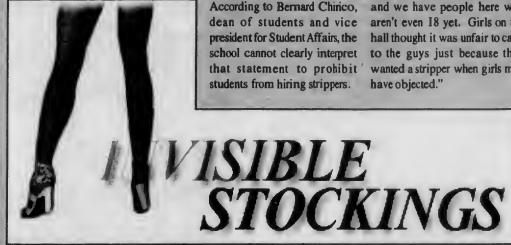
Professor of Psychology Chris Kilmartin teaches a course entitled the Psychology of Men and performs a show dealing with male sexuality.

"Having female strippers is a way of saying that women are here for our pleasure," Kilmartin said. "It is a way for men to bond together in sexual ways. Some people have seen (having strippers) symbolically as men having sex with each other."

"I think it's degrading for men and women, and it says something about our sexuality that I don't want to endorse," Kilmartin added.

Some students said the practice of hiring strippers in general is inappropriate. Christine Shatt, a resident of Russell Hall said she and others disapproved of Kelly bringing a stripper into the building.

"None of us thought it was fair," said Shatt. "In the first place, it's a disgusting practice, but also, this is a freshman dorm and we have people here who aren't even 18 yet. Girls on the hall thought it was unfair to cater to the guys just because they wanted a stripper when girls may have objected."



The logo for a local adult entertainment company.

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